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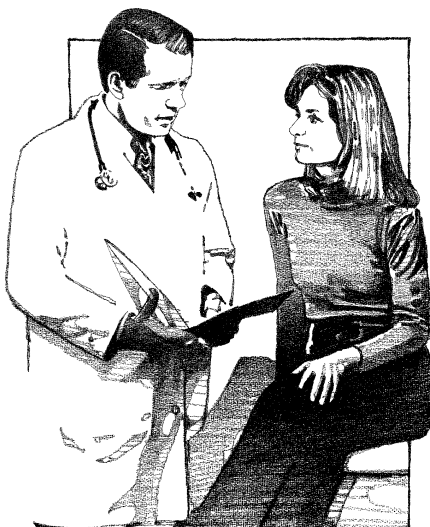
## Are you on Patient 1<sup>st</sup>? Read this to find out what you need to know!

The Patient 1<sup>st</sup> Program for Medicaid recipients in Alabama will end on March 1, 2004.

All people now on Patient 1<sup>st</sup> will go back on the regular Medicaid Program and get the same benefits as other people in Alabama who have Medicaid. **Until March 1, 2004, you will need to follow the rules for Patient 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The main change is that you will not have a Patient 1<sup>st</sup> doctor. You can go to any doctor who will take your Medicaid.

**THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES IN YOUR MEDICAID BENEFITS.** For example, each person on Medicaid will still have 14 doctor visits each year.



Because your visits are limited, you should go to the doctor or ER only when necessary. **If you have used up all your covered services, Medicaid will not pay for extra medical services.**

Before you get a medical service, always ask the doctor, drug store, lab or other provider if they will bill Medicaid. If not, you may have to pay for the visit or service.

If you have questions about this letter or need to know more, please call **1-800-362-1504** toll-free.

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